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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This communication is in response to the Office Action, paper number 3, dated March 16, 1999. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and the accompanying remarks.

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In the Claims

8. A quick release attachment system for coupling a hand of a skier to a ski pole, comprising:

a ski pole grip having a front side and back side, joined by opposite lateral sides and having a cross-sectional shape sized so that the hand of the skier can be wrapped around the ski pole grip in a gripping manner;

a pin attached to the hand of a skier;

an attachment mechanism disposed within the ski pole grip for receiving and locking the [strap] pin to the ski pole grip;

an ejection mechanism;

an elongated channel extending in a horizontal direction into the front side of the ski pole grip above the hand of the skier while said hand is wrapped around the ski pole grip, so

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